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### MINISTRY OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE

#### ORDER

*New Delhi, the 2nd May, 1956*

**S.R.O. 1018.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. **Short title, commencement and application.**—(1) This Order may be called the Tripura Foodgrains (Movement) Control Order, 1956.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(3) It extends to the whole of the State of Tripura.

2. **Definitions.**—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(1) “foodgrains” means rice, paddy and products thereof and includes Chira, Muri, Khol, broken rice and every article which is the product of paddy except husk and Bhusi;

(2) “State” means the State of Tripura;

(3) “State Government” means the Chief Commissioner of Tripura.

3. **Restrictions on export and transport of foodgrains.**—(1) No person shall export or attempt to export or abet the export of, any foodgrains from any place within the State to any place outside the State except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government or any officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf.

(2) No person shall transport, attempt to transport or abet the transport of, any foodgrains into the area of the State lying in a belt of five miles all along the border of the State except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government or any officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf:

Provided that nothing contained in sub-clauses (1) and (2) shall apply to the export or transport of foodgrains—

(i) not exceeding in the aggregate ten seers in weight at one time by a *bona fide* resident of the belt of five miles from the border, for his or her domestic consumption only in the State; or

(ii) not exceeding in the aggregate five seers in weight by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his or her luggage; or

(iii) on Government account; or

(iv) under and in accordance with Military Credit Notes.

**4. Powers of entry, search, seizure, etc.**—Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector and any other person authorised in this behalf by the State Government may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

- (1) stop and search, or authorise any person to stop and search, any person, boat, motor or any vehicle or receptacle used or capable of being used for the transport of foodgrains;
- (2) enter and search or authorise any person to enter and search any place;
- (3) seize or authorise the seizure of any article in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Order has been, is being or is about to be contravened, alongwith the packages, coverings or receptacles in which such article is found or the animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances used in carrying such articles and thereafter take or authorise the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of the packages, coverings, receptacles, animals, vehicles, vessels, boats, or conveyances so seized, in a court and for their safe custody pending such production.

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